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ors of fishes and the attempt to solve these problems may open up a very interesting field of study.

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## A FURTHER NOTE ON SNAKES SWALLOWING THEIR YOUNG

My remarks on the problem of snakes swallowing their young for protection (1921, Copeia, No. 98, p. 54), have brought forth further discussion. The several interesting questions raised by Pope (1922, Copeia, No. 102, p. 6), have been considered by previous writers and have been answered by them in detail. References to these accounts appear in my earlier note. \* Recently a further circumstantial account has been brought to my attention by Mr. C. L. Camp. This is a detailed statement of observations on two specimens of Crotalus atrox which were observed to swallow their young. Although the observations were made by Mitchell, a herpetologist of note, they were made years before the account was published (Mitchell, 1903, Trans. Texas Acad. Sci. (for 1902), Vol. V, part 1, pp. 36-37) and "undoubted proof" may be said to be lacking. The Editors of *Copeia* still look forward to the receipt of such proof as specimens preserved with the young in situ.

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<sup>\*</sup> Unfortunately, this number of Copeia was not edited with as much care as usual and many typographical errors appear. These are too numerous to correct here.